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QUETTA PRESS CONFERENCE DETAILS RATIONALE

FOR ARREST OF BALUCH NAP LEADERS

REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 6587

(B) ISLAMABAD 6655

1. MORNING OF AUGUST 16 BALUCHISTAN CHIEF MINISTER JAM
MIR GHULAM QADIR KHAN READ OUT 43-PARAGRAPH PREPARED
STATEMENT BEFORE REPRESENTATIVES OF PRESS CONFIRMING
ARRESTS OF BALUCH NAP LEADERS REPORTED REFTEL A. SUBSEQUENTLY
SECTION OF CHIEF MINISTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE
AT WHICH HE READ OUT PREPARED STATEMENT WAS SHOWN
ON KARACHI TELEVISION IN PRIME TIME EVENING OF AUGUST 17.
IN BEGINNING HIS STATEMENT CHIEF MINISTER POINTED
OUT INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES AGAINST NAP FIGURES COULD
NOT BE COMPLETED RAPIDLY FOR TWO REASONS: PREVIOUS
NAP/JUI PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION HAD REMOVED FROM
PROVINCE PERSONNEL CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION.,
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MOREOVER, PERSONS INVOLVED ENGAGED IN POLITICAL

NEGOTIATIONS AT CENTRAL LEVEL WHICH BALUCHISTAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT WISH TO PREJUDICE BY PUBLISHING FACTS WHICH NOT FULLY OR IMPARTIALLY ESTABLISHED. HOWEVER, INVESTIGATION NOW AT STAGE IN WHICH DELAY OF DISCLOSURE OF FACTS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO PUBLIC INTEREST AND PUBLIC MORALITY.

2. CHIEF MINISTER S PRESENTATION WHICH LASTED 50 PLUS MINUTES PRESENTED DETAILED GOVERNMENT RATIONALE FOR ARRESTS OF BIZENJO, MARRI, MENGAL AND COLONEL (RET'D) SULTAN MOHAMMAD, BROTHER OF ALREADY DETAINED NAP/JUI FORMER MINISTER OF EDUCATION GUL KHAN NASEER. IN GREAT DETAIL CHIEF MINISTER RECITED CHARGES AGAINST NAP LEADERSHIP WHICH BEST SUMMARIZED IN HIS LATERAL CHARGE THAT THEY "PREACHED AND ABETTED SUBVERSION OF LAWFUL AUTHORITY BY FORCE AND ARE ALSO CHARGEABLE WITH VARIETY OF OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENSES.

CHIEF MINISTER S STATEMENT CONTAINS IN ADDITION TO CHARGES OF SUBVERSION WIDE GAMUT OF CHARGES INCLUDING MISAPPROPRIATION OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS, ABUSE OF POWER OF OFFICE, AIDING AND ABETTING SMUGGLING, AND CRIMINAL ASSAULT ON A WOMAN RESULTING IN HER DEATH PERTINENT TO ONE OR MORE OF INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED OR ALREADY DETAINED. THOUGH INVESTIGATION OF SOME COMPLAINTS CONTINUING SEVERAL CASES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED WITH POLICE AND ARRESTEES WILL BE AFFORDED JUDICIAL TRIAL FOLLOWING RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE IN FORCE.

3. IN ADDITION TO DETAILING CHARGES, CHIEF MINISTER RECOUNTED NUMBER OF RELATED INCIDENTS INVOLVING VIOLENCE BEGINNING WITH JANUARY DISTURBANCES IN LASBELLA, FIRING INCIDENTS IN MENGAL MARRI AREAS, ATTACKS ON TELEPHONE EXCHANGES, AND DELIBERATE ATTEMPT FRUSTRATE PRESIDENT BHUTTO'S PROGRAM OF SOCIAL UPLIFT FOR THE PROVINCE BY RESORTING TO VIOLENCE.

4. TRANSCRIPT OF CHIEF MINISTER S PRESS CONFERENCE APPEARING IN LOCAL PRESS, WHICH CORRESPOND EXACTLY WITH HIS T. V. PRESENTATION, ARE BEING FORWARDED UNCLASSIFIED

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